



**THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE FY2016
GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
(GLOBAL UGRAD).**

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FY2016 COMPETITION FOR THE GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (GLOBAL UGRAD).

THIS IS A NON-DEGREE PROGRAM AND IT WILL BE THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK WITH THEIR HOME INSTITUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS ACCUMULATED DURING THE PROGRAM.

PROGRAM DESIGN: GLOBAL UGRAD PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENROLLED FULL TIME IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE WORK AT THE HOST INSTITUTION TO ALLOW AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE INTERACTION WITH U.S. FACULTY AND STUDENT PEERS, AND FOR EXPOSURE TO U.S. ACADEMIC AND CLASSROOM CULTURE. HOST INSTITUTIONS WILL OFFER INSTRUCTION ON TOPICS INCLUDING ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND WRITING, CRITICAL THINKING, TIME MANAGEMENT, NOTE-TAKING, AND STUDYING FOR AND TAKING TESTS. PARTICIPANTS WILL LIVE ON-CAMPUS WITH U.S. PEERS OR IN HOMESTAYS WITH AMERICAN FAMILIES.

STUDENTS CANNOT CHOOSE THEIR HOST INSTITUTION AND WILL BE PLACED AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE HOST INSTITUTION BASED ON STUDENTS' ACADEMIC INTERESTS.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MINIMUM OF TWENTY HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES DURING THE PROGRAM. STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN AT LEAST ONE COURSE IN A U.S. STUDIES FIELD, SUCH AS U.S. HISTORY, LITERATURE, ART, OR GOVERNMENT.

FAILURE TO MEET THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND UGRAD PROGRAM (POOR GRADES, FAILURE TO SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS OR ATTEND CLASS) MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM GLOBAL UGRAD. PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING WITH A MINIMUM 2.0 GPA.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- APPLICANTS SHOULD BE STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A THIRD YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM.
- APPLICANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING WITH A COMPLETE VALIDATION OF ALL THE "MODULES" OF THE FIRST AND SECOND YEAR, AND A GENERAL AVERAGE OF 12/20 OR MORE.
- ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AND HAVE CERTIFICATION OF ENGLISH ABILITY APPROPRIATE FOR CIRCULATION TO U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR PLACEMENT PURPOSES. THE PREFERRED TOEFL EXAM RESULT WILL BE 500.
- APPLICANTS MUST BE 18-25 YEARS OF AGE WHEN THEY ARRIVE TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM.
- APPLICANTS MUST BE A MAURITANIAN CITIZEN.
- GLOBAL UGRAD PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND MAY NOT STAY ON FOR DEGREE STUDY IN THE U.S. TRANSFERS AND EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ONLINE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2015 AT 15:00 AT:

http://exchangeprograms.worldlearning.org/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewDocument&File_ID=52945

GO TO REGISTER FOR GLOBAL UGRAD: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, AND START THE APPLICATION PROCESS. NOTE THAT YOU MUST FIRST CREATE A LOGIN BEFORE FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ONLINE. NOTE THAT APPLICATION WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISING SESSION AT THE US EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT EVERY MONDAY FROM 15:00 TO 17:00.